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1. In the spring of 1953 there were between 500 and 2,000 Kazakhs¹ 120 miles² northeast of Gartok (N 31-45, E 80-22) in the Kunlun Mountains, awaiting permission from the Government of India (GOI) to enter Kashmir.

2. It was reported openly in Leh that the GOI wished to send a group of Indians into Tibet to contact these Kazakhs.³

Comment. 100 tents, and estimated five persons per tent. However, other caravan people reported up to 400 tents, which would bring the estimated maximum up to 2,000.

Comment. from placed the number at 2,000.

Comment. The distance is estimated on the basis of days of travel. 15 days of travel by camel caravan, averaging 8 miles per day, would bring one from Gartok to the Kazakh camp.

Comment. It was not known whether the GOI would permit the Kazakhs to enter Kashmir.

Comment. in late 1952 entry had been refused.

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